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**Washington, DC** - Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04) issued the following statement, regarding Congressman David Obey's retirement.

"David Obey is an American hero. He is a public servant who has made life better for millions of his fellow citizens - working people, students, the poor, and children. His honorable, passionate, and effective public service has made this a better, more just country. I feel privileged to call David a friend, and I am grateful for his mentorship. May the coming years bless David and Joan with joy and lots of time with their grandchildren."

*Congresswoman Betty McCollum serves on the House Appropriations and Budget Committees.*

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